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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A surgical clip adapted for use in holding a suture, comprising:

a housing having an outer surface;

a first jaw connected to the housing and having a first planar surface extending from the outer surface of the housing along the first jaw, the first jaw having a proximal end proximate the housing and a distal end away from the housing;

a second jaw connected to the housing in an opposing relationship to the first jaw and having a second planar surface facing towards the first planar surface, the second jaw having a proximal end proximate the housing and a distal end away from the housing;

a rib extending out from the second planar surface, proximate the proximal end of the second jaw, towards the first planar surface; and

a pad attached to the second planar surface having a first portion extending from the rib distally along the second planar surface and a second portion extending from the outer surface of the housing adjacent to the rib to the first portion of

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the pad, the second portion of the pad having a width smaller than a width of the first portion of the pad; and

a spring disposed in the housing, the spring biasing the first jaw and the second jaw into a closed state.

15. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in claim 14 wherein the rib is a first rib and further comprising a second rib extending out from the first planar surface towards the second planar surface, the second rib aligned over the second portion of the pad.

16. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in claim 15 wherein the pad is a first pad and further comprising a second pad attached to the first planar surface extending along the first planar surface and covering over the second rib.

17. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in Claim 14 wherein the rib is a first rib and further comprising a second rib extending out from the second planar surface towards the first planar surface and next to the first rib, the second portion of the pad extending between the first rib and the second rib.

18. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in claim 17 further comprising a third rib extending out from the first planar surface towards the second planar surface, the third rib aligned over the second portion of the pad.

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19. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in claim 18 wherein the pad is a first pad and further comprising a second pad attached to the first planar surface extending along the first planar surface and covering over the third rib.

20. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in claim 19 wherein the first pad and second pad abuts the outer surface of the housing.

21. (Previously presented) The surgical clip recited in claim 14, wherein the outer surface of the housing and the second portion of the pad define a cavity therebetween, and wherein the rib inhibits passage of the suture into the cavity.